

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

In its many embodiments, the present invention provides a novel class of compounds as inhibitors of type 3 17 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, methods of preparing such compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing one or more  
5 such compounds, methods of preparing pharmaceutical formulations comprising one or more such compounds, and methods of treatment, prevention, inhibition, or amelioration of one or more diseases associated with type 3 17 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase using such compounds or pharmaceutical compositions.